

KC DX NEWS

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NEXT KCDXC MEETING: Nov. 25-

The Oct. meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 25, at 6:00 p.m. at our regular location, the Central Resource Library 9875 W 87th Street in Overland Park KS. The program will be a live presentation by Charlie Hett, KØTHN. He will talk about Parasets (WWII clandestine radio replicas). Nominations for club officers will be finalized.

It will be followed by the famous Pie Eating Contest after the KCDXC meeting.

KCDXC CHRISTMAS PARTY DE KØVXU

The holidays are upon us this year. And it is time to talk about the Kansas City DX Club Christmas Party.

This year the party will be held on December 14, 2019 at RC's in Martin City, MO as it was last year. Come for drinks and socialization at 6:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Dress is semi-formal or dress-casual...wear your best. Also bring your best smile and your spouse, best pal, best friend, or other loved one. There will be a short meeting to urge members to vote to elect the next round of Officers.

Other than that, I hope all will come and enjoy the friendship and good food. See you there!

KCDXC ELECTIONS- It is time for election of officers for the KCDXC. Members have had the option of sending nominations for officers of the KCDXC to any KCDXC officer prior to the Nov. meeting. Nominations for officers will be finalized at the next club meeting. Details on the election procedures will be explained by KØVBU for regular members. Voting will take place from Nov. 25 until the KCDXC Christmas Party, with the goal being to announce the winners at the Christmas Party.

All members should recognize that for a club to remain viable and active, members should be willing to serve and volunteer their time and effort to improve our organization.

REMINDER: There will be no December issue of the KCDXC newsletter because of early KCDXC Christmas party! Next issue will be Jan. 2020.

KCDXC DXCC HONOR ROLL

Call	Mixed	CW	Phone	DIGI	IOTA	160	6 M DXCC	DX Challenge
K0CS	357	320	352			233	85	2377
AB0X	357	353	349	230		225	23	2374
W0GJ	354	344	354	292		236	20	2799
W0JLC	353	351	331			102		
N0RB	352	346	350				23	1806
K0CA	350	349	348	329	318	110		2627
K3PA	350	348	345	319		174	36	2707
NX0I	350	349	347	244		208	4	2502
N0CWR	349	348	349	312	860	197	35	2816
K0HQW	349	333	347			33		1352
KS0DX	347	318	348	129	360			2218
K4SV	346	340	344	337		301	87	2852
AC0A	348	318	348		838		15	2223
K0VXU	348	335	331	265	439	143	2	2295
K0GY	344	340	344	290			5	2312
KB0X	336							
K0AP	333	331	325	295		47	5	2353
W0QQ	333	218	331	166	151	42		1584
K4SX	331	277	314	146		52		1617
KE5BR	330	177	297	79				742
WA0WOF	330							
K0THN	329	314	284		179	1		1849
W0MB	325	229	324	251				1165
W0FS	322	270	295	230	657	181		1770
K0XM	321	282	274	42	26			1296
AA0MZ	312	290	292	220	532	44	20	1852
AC0C	302	292	233	220		87	2	1822
KG0UA	283	277	116			4		
NS0D	263	219	142	130		3	2	833
W0XE	248	216	193	14				888
AD0K	226	214	80	85	183	22	3	622
W0DR	225	188	174	5		5	7	
N9GB	203							
KS0AA	172	75	84	154		3		507
KY0F	140	2	140				1	
AA0LV	112							
W0ZAP	103	31	72	54		1	3	218
WD0SRI	63	17	56			1	1	102

Red indicates member is at the top of the DXCC Honor Roll in that respective class. Total are with deletions.

NOTE: When changes of DXCC totals are sent in to me, they are immediately updated in the next month here in the newsletter. Send to ab0x@kc.rr.com . Please only one update a month.

CROWNE PLAZA ROOMS FOR DAYTON 2020!!

The KCDXC contract with Crowne Plaza has been completed for 2020! W0ZAP will be accepting your reservations for Hamvention 2020. The cost for rooms for 2020 will remain the same as in the past at \$149 for a standard block of three nights over Hamvention weekend starting on Thursday, May 16, with check out on Sunday morning, May 19. Double rooms are available for club members with roommates or singles for one bed rooms. Contact W0ZAP, Rick, at w0zap@arrl.net to make your room reservation for Hamvention 2020. As in the past we must prepay the first night's stay prior to the end of March 2020.

DXCC CARD CHECKING AT KCDXC MEETING

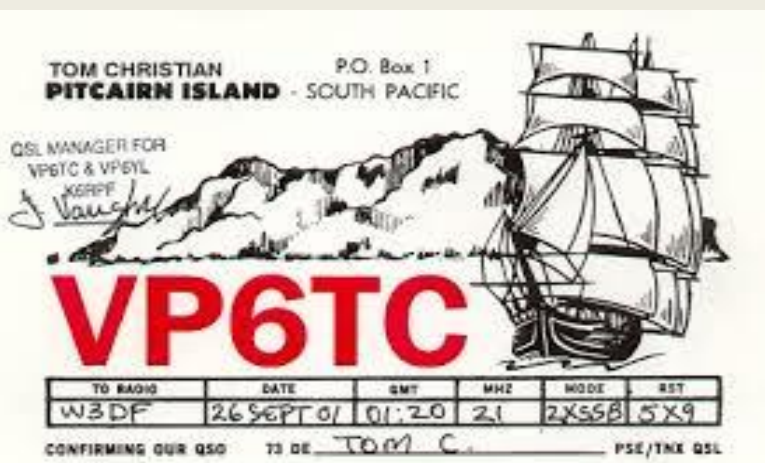
ACOA and AB0X are available for DXCC & WAS card checking services at most KCDXC meetings. Please remember to load your cards into the DXCC system on the ARRL web page prior to the meeting and print out the forms for checking. The cost is less and checking is easier for the checkers. Remember to bring Stamped and addressed envelopes with the forms for the checkers. Contact the checkers if you have large quantities of cards to be checked prior to the meeting: freeland66215@sbcglobal.net or ab0x@kc.rr.com.

DX NEWS & VIEWS

BY AB0X

Last month's newsletter had a brief personal note on my experience with Tom Christian, VP6TC, of Pitcairn fame. I was corrected at the club meeting and told that I had used the wrong call for Tom all thru the article in the newsletter. I knew that I was right on his call but didn't want to start an argument during the meeting, so I will provide the facts here:

Tom's call was changed in 1999 to VP6TC by the administrators for radio licenses for Pitcairn. All other Pitcairn hams had their calls changed to the VP6 prefix, also. He proudly used the call VP6TC until he passed away in 2013. His original call was VR6TC, but like thousands of hams who changed calls over the years he used his new assigned call. VP6TC was used for the last 14 years of his life. In fact, if one looks closely at the photo I used in the last newsletter, Tom was wearing a call sign badge with VP6TC on it. On the right is a picture of his QSL card of VP6TC that I got off the internet.



W0GJ mentioned VP6TC in his last daily report from the VP6R DXpedition Team: Glenn, W0GJ, also sent out the following press release late Saturday evening, November 2nd, titled "VP6R Final Press Release 2 November 2019: The VP6R DXpedition is now

history with 82,700 Q's in the log. We had excellent weather for dismantling our stations & antennas. We have just finished packing everything for the return trip home. The Braveheart is transporting us to Mangareva tomorrow. It will then go on to Punta Arenas, Chile, transporting some equipment we used for the South Orkney DXpedition.

The oldest Pitcairn resident passed away yesterday. We attended the funeral this morning. He was laid to rest right next to Tom Christian, VP6TC. It was a very moving experience.”-W0GJ

I will occasionally fat finger a word or two by accident in the newsletter when typing, but seldom do I make a major mistake of using the wrong call for a well-known DXer like Tom, VP6TC. The info above validates the accuracy of my article last month.

Now for some DX News:

Here's the latest from the Bouvet DX Team:

“3Y0I BOUVET ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS. The following information was reported on November 16th, on the 3Y0I Bouvetoya Island FaceBook page [edited]: "We will draw lots among all donors who donated the first attempt of the 3Y0I Expedition, with 199 USDs or more, on Wednesday - November 20, 2019. The entire process will be transmitted live online and the winners will be announced at our website, Facebook and Twitter accounts." For more details about "The Lottery Announcement", see:

<https://bouvetoya.org/the-lottery-announcement>

For more details and updates on the Bouvet Island DXpedition, watch the following Web page and Media sites at: This is the main site where you can find more details on the project and news:

<https://bouvetoya.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bouvetoya.org>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/Bouvetoyaorg>

Rebel DX Group: <https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup>

DE Bouvetoya.org:

“As you probably know, our first attempt to reach the island of Bouvet in March 2019 failed. Despite complex preparations and training received in Cape Town, South Africa, our vessel got hit by a big storm so badly that we had no choice but to sail back to Cape Town to reshuffle our plans. We were so close - just 63 nautical miles offshore Bouvet Island!

The 1st attempt took yet another toll. Although we couldn't activate the #2 Most Wanted DXCC at that time, we had to cover all costs involved, of course. Since it's been a privately funded venture from the very beginning, we spent as much as U\$ 225.000 from our personal funds so far. Only 9% of our DXpedition budget got covered by donations, so the final impact on our private monies is huge. Fortunately, we don't give things up easily.

The 2nd attempt under planning

We estimate that the second attempt would be around U\$ 170.000 in total. It's less than our initial budget as we have collected a lot of important equipment already + went under necessary extra-paid training + secured many things logistically, too. Is that much if compared to other top DXCC expeditions' budgets? Not at all! Moreover, we have already secured half of the required budget to go back to Bouvet. But after the last aftermath and considering the next suitable time-frames with safe weather conditions at far South Atlantic Ocean, we're simply unable to repair our budget with personal funding this fast. We face a risk to postpone the expedition, unfortunately. Yes, we did our best to make it happen last March. Yes, we're still up to take a second chance. But this time it may only take place if we receive financial support to cover at least half of the missing budget, which is U\$ 85.000, to make 3Y0I coming true. And here's how you

can...

Help us to make 3YØI happen

Keeping in mind transparency of our project since the very beginning, we decided to go yet further with game-changing rules to fund amateur radio expeditions. Why do we call that the “game-changer”? We would like to ask the ham radio community to help to fund our project via the GoFundMe.com fundraising platform. All funds sent over there to support the 3YØI by donors would automatically be displayed and be instantly available for a public review. No more misty and semi-transparent foundation policies, hidden agendas, complicated foundation procedures and waiting for months for clarifications to learn (or rather guess?) what happened to the collected monies.

To make things even more clear, in case we don't reach the absolute minimum sum required (U\$ 85.000), and we couldn't continue with our plans to activate the Most Wanted DXCC #2 any time soon, all collected funds would immediately be returned to donors by GoFundMe.com, leaving our hands clear with no need to explain ourselves what happened to the money and what we would do next.

Our intentions are clear: if we don't reach our fundraising goal, we won't receive nor spend a single cent you donate and it would be returned to your GoFundMe account for withdrawal or to support any other GoFundMe project of your choice.

To make the fundraising more attractive, once we reach the required minimum of U\$ 85k, we will give donors a chance to win something special:

- each donor supporting U\$ 200 or more will qualify to enter a (life video stream) lottery in which 3 individuals (+1 accompanying person each) will win a 10-days sailing trip around Fiji islands for you on our Rebel catamaran with our captain and crew members. In addition, all donors who donated U\$ 199 and more for our 1st attempt in March, will also enter the lottery.
- and each donor supporting us with U\$ 500 or more, will qualify to enter a (life video stream) lottery to win a free expedition trip for 3 individuals with Rebels to remote places around Pacific (dates and DXCC TBA).
- Additionally, each donor supporting U\$ 25 will qualify to get a free QSL card from 3YØI. And there's something else... Each supporter donating to 3YØI expedition U\$ 1000 or more, will get a privilege to get a satellite call from the Team while at Bouvet, a signature souvenir from the island and access to special limited photo/video archive taken during the entire expedition.

The voting and winners would be selected and announced online during a video live stream (transparency!). Again, the lottery will be organized only if we reach the required minimum of the announced missing budget and the 3YØI expedition takes place. Clear? Clear!”

Other DX:

HVØ, VATICAN. Operators Francesco/IKØFVC and Roberto/IKØPRG will be active as HVØA from Vatican during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Multi-Op entry. Activity will be limited to one day (Saturday). QSL via IKØFVC direct, LoTW or ClubLog.

V6, MICRONESIA (Cancelled). Sho, JA7HMZ, who was expected to be active again as V63DX from Pohnpei Island (OC-010) between November 22-27th, has cancelled his operation. No reason given.

V8, BRUNEI. Hajime, JO1RUR, will once again be active as V85RH from Brunei. The length of his stay is not known. Activity will be during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via LoTW only.

YJ, VANUATU. Operators Will/AA4NC and AA4VK will be active as YJØNC from Port Vila, Efate Island (OC-035) during of March 2020. This is part of a South Pacific DXpedition which they will activate 8 country. Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands,

but will include the ARRL DX Phone Contest (March 7-8th). QSL via AA4NC. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

H40, TEMOTU PROVINCE (Reminder). By the time you read this, operators Grant/KZ1W and Rob/N7QT will be active as H40KT and H40TT, respectively, from Temotu Province (Pigeon Island, OC-065) until November 28th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW/SSB/FT8/RTTY. They will focus on the low bands to regions where H40 is most needed. They will "follow the sun" so please respect their calls into specific regions. Suggested operating frequencies were listed in OPDX.1437. They hope to have Internet access for periodic log uploads. Please keep insurance contacts to a minimum:

Log Search and OQRS at: <https://www.m0urx.com/oqrs/logsearch.php>

QSL Manager: Tim Beaumont, M0URX (M0URX.com)

For Direct QSLs: Please enclose 4 USDs and a SAE.

No IRCs or coins

Club Log reports change for 3DA0. G7VJR, Michael, from Club Log, has posted that 3DA0 is now called the Kingdom of Eswatini. It has been named Swaziland for years. The ARRL is still referring to it as Swaziland.

5N, NIGERIA. Bodo, DF8DX (ex-DL3OCH), will once again be active as 5N7Q from the Voice of Nigeria in Abuja until November 25th. He is there with Rene, DL2JRM. Activity will be limited to their spare time (they're working) on 160-10 meters using mostly CW, with some RTTY and FT8 (F/H). They have been heard on 40/30 meters on the 16th and 17th. They also plan to be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th). QSL via DF8DX, LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS.

XW - Laos.

3W3B, should be active with his XW4XR callsign on from Laos by December 4-16. Bruce operates CW, FT8 and FT4 on 60-6M.

TOP 10 MOST WANTED DE CLUB LOG

DXCC'S MOST WANTED (ClubLog). The "DXCC Most Wanted" entities list has been updated on ClubLog as of October 27th. The list contains 340 entities. The following are the top 10 entities:

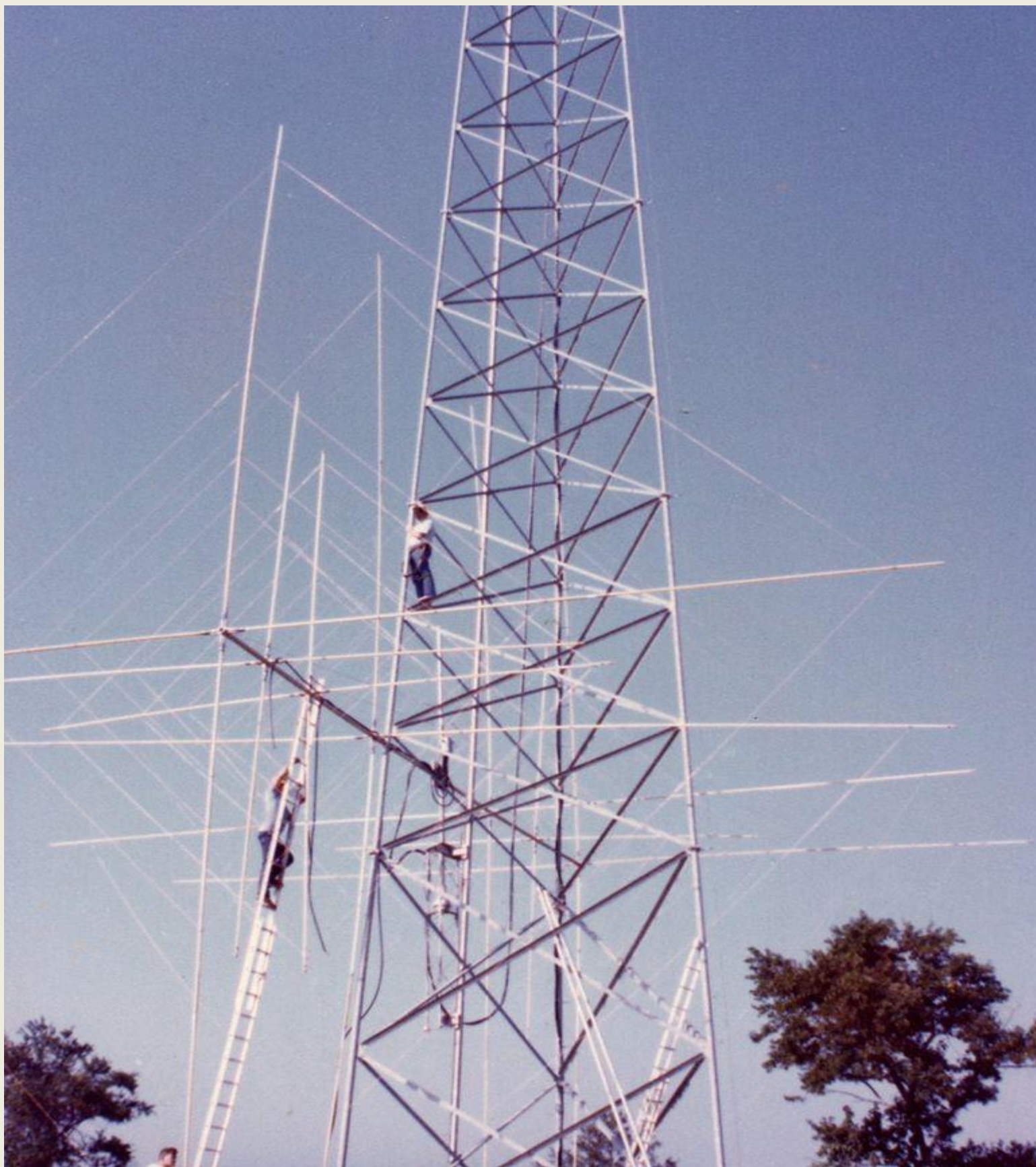
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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. P5 DPRK (North Korea) | 6. BV9P Pratas Island |
| 2. 3Y/B Bouvet Island | 7. KH7K Kure Island |
| 3. FT5/W Crozet Island | 8. KH3 Johnston Island |
| 4. BS7H Scarborough Reef | 9. FT5/X Kerguelen Island |
| 5. CE0X San Felix Islands | 10. 3Y/P Peter 1 Island |

How many of these do you need??? <https://secure.clublog.org/mostwanted.php>

FRENCH SCATTERED ISLANDS: ALL DXers should check the DX Column of Dec. 2019 issue of QST by W3UR. Bernie carefully lists the history of activity from the French Islands of Antarctica and the Indian Ocean. Three of these islands(countries) are on the top 10 Most Wanted List above. Every serious DXer should be aware of this info!

THANKS, OHIO/PENN DX BULLETIN, CLUB LOG, BOUVETOYA.ORG and QST(Dec. 2019)!

K0CS sent over this pic and news: AB0I, of KCDXC contest fame, underwent heart valve surgery on Tue. Nov. 19. Below is a pic of the original 4 element 40-10 Meter Quad at AB0I's Radio Ranch in the mid '80's. AB0I is the man at the top of the pic. Keep John in your thoughts and prayers.



I think I still have epoxy on my fingers from gluing these pole vaulting poles together from this monster. Big chore, but it paid off! Best 40M antenna I can remember!-AB0X

Found on Facebook



Wow! Is this on Target?

Seems to be a common
thread among older DXers!

Thanks, NØCWR!

Contact the Editor of the KC DX News at ab0x@kc.rr.com if you have news or comments.



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